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East Valley Institutes Offer Spiritual Strength to ASU and MCC Students

Deepening The Faith of Every Student

by Merry Gordon & Emily Jex Boyle

With a goal to provide college-age students an opportunity to study spiritual values in concordance with their secular learning by establishing a “reconciliation of faith and reason,” The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints implemented Institutes of Religion in the 1920s.

Nearly 100 years later, much has changed in higher education. However, for East Valley college students, the Mesa and Tempe CES Institutes of Religion continue to provide a solid foundation for those wishing to remain close to their spiritual heritage as they gain an earthly education.

The Institute program focuses on, but is not limited to, students aged 18 to 30 who have not graduated from an Institute or LDS Church college or university. About a dozen sites in the Valley serve members wishing to attend Institute courses, with the Mesa and Tempe locations among the busiest.

TEMPE INSTITUTE

“I would say that Institute really offers an opportunity to deepen the faith

of every student no matter at what level they enter a class,” says Tempe Institute Director Terry F. Calton, who has served the Tempe Institute for nearly fifteen years.

Designed to build upon the four-year Seminary curriculum, Institutes offer four cornerstone classes: *Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel*, *Teaching and Doctrine of the Book of Mormon*, *Foundations of the Restoration*, and *The Eternal Family*. Additional secondary elective courses include studies of such topics as Isaiah, the parables of Jesus, and the restored gospel as it fits into Christian history.

Brother Calton explains that each semester the Tempe program typically hosts about 350 married LDS adults, 600 young single LDS adults, and 150 adults who are not of the LDS faith, all of which are students at ASU. Along with the Institute course study, students may also participate in their Institute’s student council, where they learn valuable leadership skills while preparing

edifying lessons for fellow students.

“With many new converts and both returning and preparing missionaries, we have to have the courses here be diverse

enough to meet all of their needs,” he says.

Additionally, Institute offers monthly service projects, interfaith activi-

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Brother Ken Bawden teaches a course at the Mesa Institute of Religion across from MCC.

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ties, and Friday noontime devotionals. As a program of over 1,000 attending students, the Tempe Institute receives visits each semester from Apostles and General Authority leaders. President Dallin H. Oaks, Elder D. Todd Christofferson, and Elder Neil L. Andersen have all visited in the past year.

This is “a great blessing to many,” Calton says, “because this [leadership visitation] is what is available on the BYU campuses on a regular basis and they are now coming to us here. What makes us different than a BYU campus is our great possibility to associate with wonderful people of many faiths in

both service and interfaith forums.”

Recognizing that technology and the advent of Young Single Adult stakes and organizations now meet much of young members’ social needs, Calton concedes that “we can’t, and don’t compete. We try to... focus on feeding their spirit.”

And students respond to this focus. Reviews for local Institutes describe it as a “second home,” and a “safe haven from the world.” One student exclaims, “It’s like Seminary, but better!”

MESA INSTITUTE

Located across the street from Mesa Community College (MCC), the Mesa Institute of Religion serves an average of 650 students each semester. To



Institute students find joy in progressing in their spiritual development—and return for more.

Photo by Pam Pratt

accommodate such a population, Mesa Institute Director Ken Bawden explains, “In Mesa, we have two full-time

teachers who teach classes during the day, Monday through Thursday, every hour on the hour. We also have five volunteer teachers who teach at night from 7 to 8:30 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.”

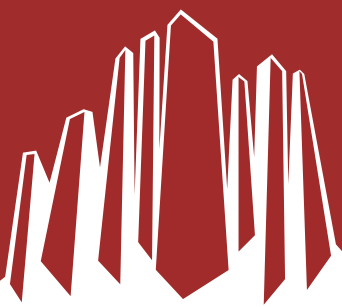
In addition to

sanctioned course study, the Mesa Institute offers other opportunities to enrich students, whether they currently participate in Institute or not. For example, Bawden says, “We offer a free lunch once a week, as well as Friday Forum when we have opportunities like

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Mesa Institute building.

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

What is the worth of a soul?

This question has been posed in countless Sunday School classes, Missionary trainings, Seminaries and Institutes since June 1829. It was then that Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer received a revelation in which the Lord exclaimed His answer to this question: "The worth of souls is great in the sight of God!" (D&C 18:10)

President Monson shared some insight to this thought in an April 1987 General Conference talk. As a member of the Council of the Twelve, he was attending a stake conference with Paul C. Child, a member of the General Church Welfare Committee. When it was Brother Child's opportunity to speak, "he took the Doctrine and Covenants and left the pulpit to stand among the priesthood to whom he was directing his message. He turned to section 18 and began to read: 'Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God.'

"President Child then raised his eyes from the scriptures and asked the question of the priesthood brethren: "What is the worth of a human soul?" He avoided calling on a bishop, stake president, or high councilor for a response. Instead, he selected the president of an elder's quorum—a brother who had been a bit drowsy and had missed the significance of the question.

"The startled man responded: "Brother Child, could you please repeat the question?" The question was repeated: 'What is the worth of a human soul?'

"I knew President Child's style. I prayed fervently for that quorum president. He remained silent for what seemed like an eternity and then declared: 'Brother Child, the worth of a human soul is its capacity to become as God.'

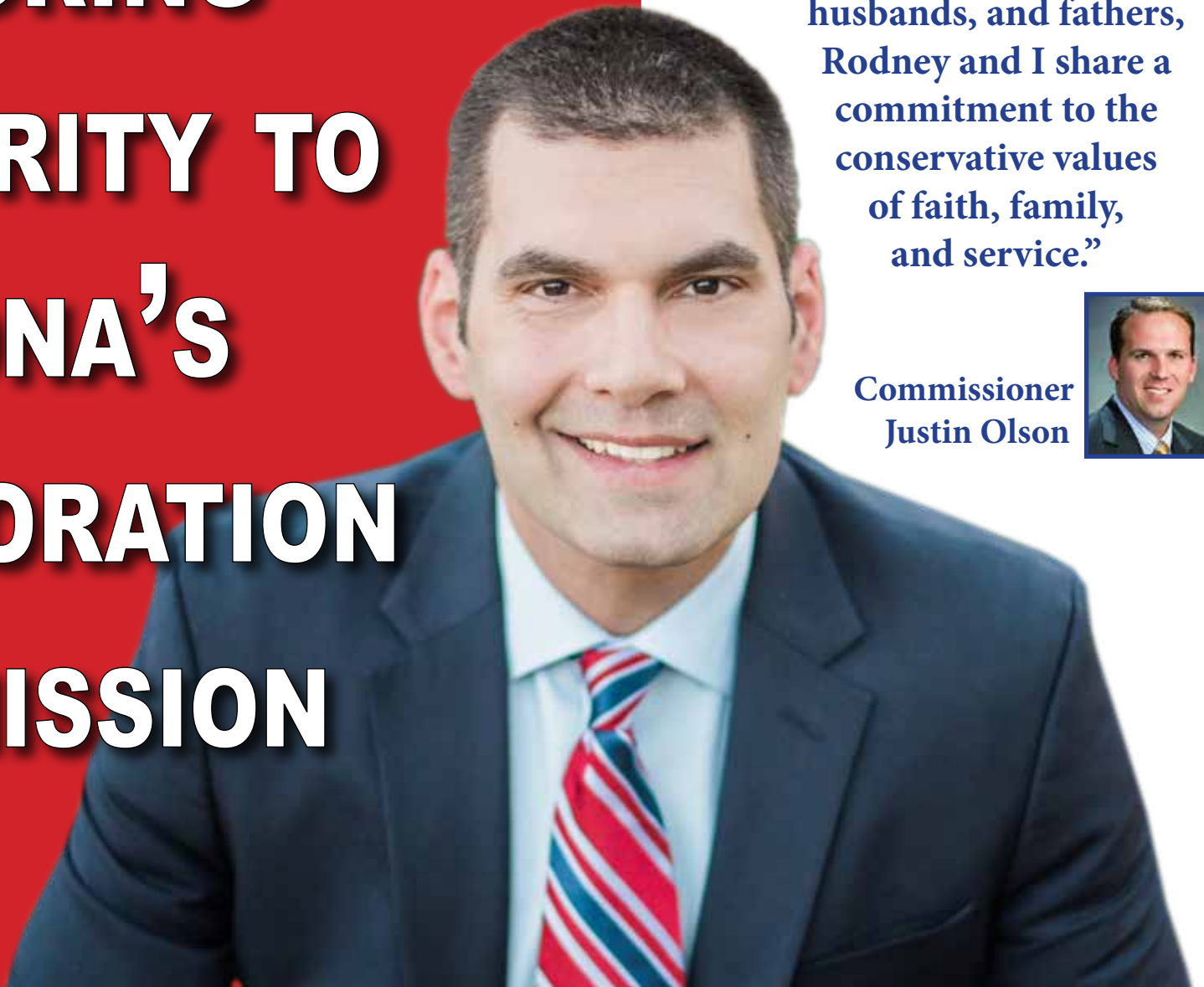
"All present pondered that reply. Brother Child returned to the stand, leaned over to me, and said: 'A profound reply; a profound reply!'

As you will read in this issue, our local Institutes are doing a profound job of spiritually strengthening the souls of our college age Latter-day Saints. The brothers and sisters who work and volunteer for these programs labor all their days teaching and caring for their students, recognizing the worth of each member and non-member soul alike! For the worth of one soul, or many, is great in the sight of our Lord. May God bless our Institutes and those that partake in this program.



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Tempe Institute building.

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Brother Ryan Wessel teaches a class on hymns. Known for its social opportunities in earlier decades, modern institute programs focus primarily on feeding the spirit.

Photo by Pam Pratt

bringing in BYU groups,” such as Vocal Point or BYU’s folk dance team.

When asked about enrollment, Bawden is adamant that even with all local Institutes have to offer, there is work to be done to attract students to the program. He admits, “There is so much that can pull [students] away.”

There is also much to draw them toward it. The MCC-based Latter-day Saint student club LDS Student Association (LDSSA) is connected to the Institute, and aims at providing uplifting and enriching opportunities. Twelve students sit on the club’s council and plan activities such as service projects and interfaith opportunities. MCC

Director of Service Learning Duane Oakes serves as the club’s advisor. LDSSA members have pulled weeds in the campus’s well-known rose garden, volunteered with Special Olympics, and organized job fairs and dances.

Some graduating high school students may mistakenly see Institute programs as a mere outgrowth of Seminary, or a “marriage market.” Calton says they would be wrong. “This [view] is a relic of the past and perpetuated by those who knew the Institute for its many social benefits.” On the other hand, Calton points out, “marriages happen because people meet and fall in love, and what better way to meet people than in a place dedicated to learning the things of the Spirit? One can get a glimpse of someone’s spiritual nature across the classroom better than having to try to gauge it across the dance floor.”

Students study and chat in the Mesa Institute. From left to right: Caitlyn Noe, Mason Pugmire, Rachel Ashcroft, Broghan Hanson, Anna Rogers, and Annae Larson.

Photo by Robin Finlinson



Students study and discuss the course material in class at the Mesa Institute building.

Photo by Pam Pratt

In examining the real purpose of Institutes, he cites the “daily miracles” that occur there as participants “make connections in the scriptures and with the Spirit.” Adds Bawden, “The beginnings of Institute center around the secularization of our youth in a world so anti-religion. Institute is there to strengthen them.”

Calton’s joy comes from seeing students progress in this spiritual development—and return for more. “If

they feel edified by their experience, they are very willing to come, participate, and do what is necessary to feel the Spirit again and again!”

For more information, go to <https://www.lds.org/si/institute> or visit the Mesa CES Institute of Religion at 1310 S Dobson Road, or the Tempe CES Institute of Religion at 1000 S McAllister Avenue.

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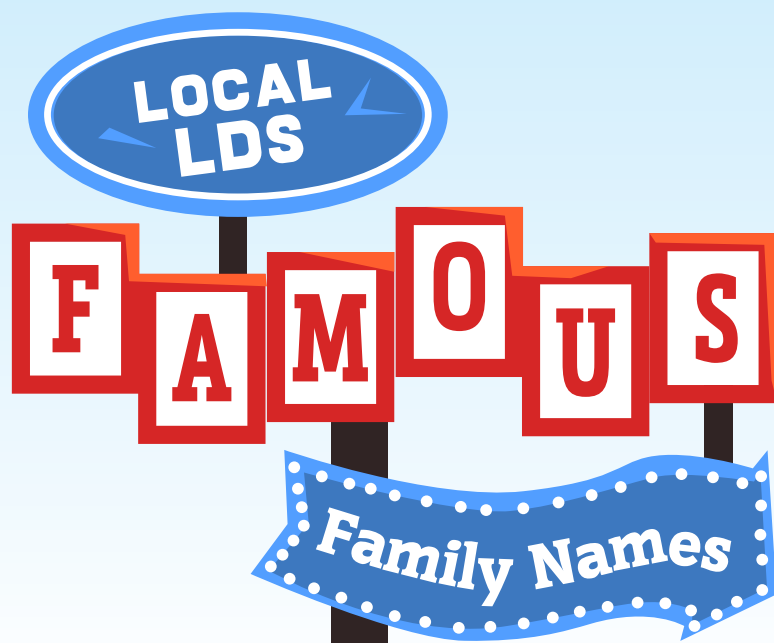
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The East Phoenix Valley is replete with LDS pioneer heritage. The names of pioneer families adorn our streets, buildings and schools.

We often casually pass by a geographic location without considering the history of the family for which the location was named, or why the family name was used. The inquiring minds of Arizona Beehive readers want to know!

In each issue we now present the history of one "famous" Mormon family name. We hope you enjoy learning about these families, and encourage you to reach out to The Arizona Beehive with ideas for families to feature in the series.

By Cecily Markland Condie

The Phelps Family

Hyrum Smith Phelps: Pioneer & Maricopa Stake Patriarch

The Phelps family heritage is a veritable "Who's Who" of local LDS family names. Hyrum Smith Phelps was born in Nauvoo, Illinois, February 26, 1846. His parents, Morris and Sarah Thompson Phelps, had been expelled from Kirtland, Ohio, and Independence, Missouri, and Hyrum was still young when, forced out again, they migrated with other early Latter-day Saints.

Settling first in Utah, they moved to Idaho when Hyrum was 18. He married Clarinda Bingham, and, later, took a second wife, Clarinda's sister, Mary.

In October 1878, Hyrum's families left for Arizona, traveling with several families, with Hyrum as captain. The second company of Saints to settle in Mesa, they arrived in early spring, just weeks behind the first group. For years, Hyrum had an 80-acre farm in Mesa.

He was called to the first High Council in the Maricopa Stake. Then, in December 1912, he was ordained a patriarch, serving until he died in 1926.

Of Hyrum and Clarinda's 12 children, eight lived to adulthood. Six of those lived and died in Mesa or nearby: Lucretia (Pomeroy), Morris Calvin, Annie Laura (Coleman), William Orrin, Edward Guy, Joseph Marion, Oscar and Minerva.

Hyrum and Mary Elizabeth had 14 children, ten who lived to adulthood. Nine of those lived and died in Mesa: Lucy (Fryer), Barbara (Allen), Gove Edwin, Harriet (Miller), Orson Ashel, Amy (Morris), Esther (Whatcott), Clara (Robson), Gertrude (Wilson) and Wilford Woodruff.

Their fourth, Gove, was born at Lee's Ferry on the Colorado River as the family made their way to Mesa. Gove married Effie Ellsworth in 1904,



Photo courtesy Stephen Phelps

Hyrum Smith Phelps, captain of the 2nd company of pioneers to settle in Mesa, married Clarinda Bingham (not shown) and later took her sister, Elizabeth (right), as his second wife.

and the home they built on Macdonald and 1st Avenue still stands.

Regarding Gove and Effie's four children:

Maxine married Earl Lines and had four children, and all four stayed in the Mesa area: Carole (Augustin) (deceased), Larry (deceased), Wayne and Alan.

Wayne Phelps and wife, Zoe Hill, had five children. The oldest, Irwin (deceased), wrote the original Mesa Easter Pageant script. Still in the area are Stephen and wife, Carolei Ferrin, in Gilbert; John and wife, Carolynn Huber, in Cottonwood, and Russell in Mesa.

Worth Phelps and wife, Grace Naylor, had six children. Still in Mesa are Shenla (Jones), whose husband, Jerry, is deceased; Susan (Cunningham) and husband, Bill; Jerry and wife, Rebecca; Kelly and wife, Linda; and Nanette (Brinton), whose husband, Robert, is deceased. Worth and Grace divorced, and he later married Nancy Pennington.

Their fourth, Rex E., and wife, Elaine, have five children—Ronald S. and wife, Pam, live in Gilbert; and Reed and his wife, Metzkie, in Mesa.

Hyrum Phelps wrote, "I thank the Lord that I was permitted to be born

when the Gospel of Jesus Christ was again on the earth. I know that God lives, that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the world and that Joseph Smith was and is Prophet of God." His testimony and influence has impacted generations.

"Family and the Gospel have been the center of our existence. As youngsters, we were often with cousins, aunts and uncles and other extended family. Family reunions continue today," grandson, Stephen says, adding, "The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the glue that binds us not only in eternity, but here in this life."



Photo courtesy Stephen Phelps

Eleven of the 20 grandchildren of Effie and Gove Phelps (who was born at Lee's Ferry as his parents, Hyrum and Elizabeth Phelps, made their way to Mesa) gathered for a family reunion in 2013. Pictured are (front right to left) Nanette Brinton, Kathy Adams, Larry Lines, Ron Phelps; (back right to left) Russell Phelps, Stephen Phelps, Jerry Phelps, Wayne Lines, Susan Cunningham, Kelly Phelps and Reed Phelps.

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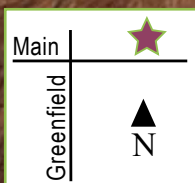
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STILL LIFE

Local Photographers Capture Historic Mesa Temple Images

By Katherine Ogden

As soon as the announcement was made for the Mesa Arizona temple closure and renovation, Karyann Hoopes sent out a message to her friends and fellow photographers. What had started out as a small Facebook group called *Temple Talk* had now turned into a tight-knit mentoring group. Fellow photographer Alan Fullmer, of Cedar Hills, Utah, formed the group to help others with fine tuning their skills and showcasing each other's talents. Even though they are often competitors, these photographers say their love for the temples and for the Savior far outweigh any of their monetary gains.

"Within minutes, I was typing, 'Come down, have dinner, stay at my house and let's go out and shoot some photos before it closes,'" says Karyann, of the San Tan Ward, Queen Creek South Stake. "So many people wanted the temple to stay the same; there are several generations of history and legacy there at the Mesa

Temple. We all knew in some sense that we just had to capture it, the way it was, before it all changed."

As a result, just prior to the closing of the temple, this photographers group got together for a day to capture images of the historic building and the surrounding grounds. Seven of the group of eighteen were available to gather to share in this activity. The group included Karyann, the organizer, from Queen Creek, Brooks Crandall and Richard Webb, who are both from Mesa, Jason Miller, who is from Chandler, and Jimmy Paderla, who lives in Gilbert. The two out-of-staters were Lance Bertola, from Mr. Pleasant, Utah, and Rory Wallwork, from Clinton, Utah.

"We spent about 2 hours shooting and capturing what we could," says Karyann, "I knew we were capturing history, because the temple wasn't going to look the same after the magic of the renovations was finished. I often joke that we are the temple paparazzi, because that is what we look like when



Photo courtesy of Karyann Hoopes

Photographers group, from left to right, includes Jason Miller, Lance Bertola, Jimmy Paderla, Karyann Hoopes, Rory Wallwork, Brooks Crandall and Richard Webb.

we all get together. Many neighbors saw us while we were there and came over to chat and fill us in on the details of changes they thought were going to take place, as well as property changes that had happened in the neighborhood."

"Nothing had been formally announced at that time," says Karyann, "but it turned out all the things they had mentioned were pretty accurate, once

the official word came down about the changes being made. We all love the temple, and what a unique experience it was for us to see it and capture it, a few weeks before it was changed forever."

More information about the artists and their work can be found at websites including www.hoopesphotography.com, www.havenlight.com and www.ldstemple.pics.



The Mesa Arizona temple

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Four LDS Blogs You Should be Following

By Merry Gordon



For Church members, the rise of technology has ushered in a brave new world of Latter-day Saint media—among them, blogs. In our fast-paced world, there are many choices for Church-related reading material that go beyond the standard works. Here are four blogs in the LDS blogosphere you should be following (if you're not already).

By Common Consent

www.bycommonconsent.com

Begun in 2004, *By Common Consent* (a nod to Joseph Smith's 1830 revelation in Doctrine and Covenants about all things being done "by common consent") is a hub for Latter-day Saint discussion. Doctrine, politics, culture, economics, arts and entertainment—you name it, and it's fair game for a blog topic. While authors are independent and don't claim to represent the Church, they "do represent a varied swath of their lived religion," according to the blog's "About" page. If you want to know what's on the cutting edge of living, breathing LDS culture, *By Common Consent* is a great place to check. Posts are frequent, if not daily, and the conversation is robust.

Mormon Life Hacker

www.mormonlifehacker.com

Mormon Life Hacker has been simplifying and consolidating your LDS media life since 2016. Edited, updated and authored by John Dye, director of social media strategy and influencer outreach for Bonneville Communications, *Mormon Life*

Hacker grew out of the original 2006 *Mormon Hacker* site. The popular blog gives tips and resources for members who choose to take up the challenge of Elder Ballard and "thoughtfully allocate their resources of time, income, and energy," as their website reports. With several posts a week, you can choose from such varied topics as David Archuleta song covers to a heads up on President Russell M. Nelson's recent witness of Jesus Christ.



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After serving a two year church service mission in South Carolina, Solheim opened Advantage Auto Glass-Arizona in 2006. In 2010, he went back to South Carolina and expanded the business. Customers were consistently impressed by the workmanship, attention to customer satisfaction and speedy turnaround. Business quickly grew from ten windshields a week to ten windshields a day.

Solheim and his wife, Amie, made their services available in other states as well, while they remained in Arizona to raise their family. The Solheims are actively involved in church and community. Jeremy has been particularly involved in helping to mentor young men through the Boy Scouts of America organization, he himself earning his Eagle Scout award as a teenager.

Advantage Auto Glass places the highest value on the experience of the customer. Solheim continues to see auto repairs differently than his big competitors.

Arizona is uniquely one of five states known as a "zero glass deductible state" which allows an individual with comprehensive insurance on their vehicle to have a windshield replaced at no cost to them. This is mandated by state law because driving with a damaged

windshield is dangerous. Arizona is known for its beautiful freeways lined with miles and miles of decorative gravel. Anytime a vehicle goes off into it, gravel is pulled onto the road which ends up being kicked up into someone's windshield. Once a chip or crack occurs, the Arizona heat just helps the crack expand quickly.

Auto repairs create anxiety and frustration. Customers commonly feel taken advantage of by their insurance company and the repair shop where they were sent. Solheim says his business philosophy is simple, "Everyone calling us is calling with a repair issue that is also a safety issue. It is inconvenient and unplanned. Our goal is to have our customers feel better about their day, not just feel better about getting the repair work handled."



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A BIGGER VISION

BYU-Idaho is Building Education in Arizona

By Allison Beckert

Among all the names, faces and expectations that come with a new school year, Brigham Young University-Idaho sends along a batch of students to Arizona schools to learn to be educators. For fourteen weeks each semester, schools in the Mesa and Gilbert school districts partner with BYU-Idaho to prime the next generation of educators—and in the process, have first pick of first year teachers for local schools.

Mesa Public Schools first partnered with BYU-Idaho in 2005. As the program expanded, districts in Utah, Nevada, locally in Idaho, and Arizona were chosen as partner sites for their dedication to growing and enriching the education industry with new talent and innovative ideas. Student teachers now learn and teach with experienced mentors in elementary, junior high, and high school classrooms across Mesa and Gilbert.

Susan Cottle, Student Teaching Program Area Coordinator for BYU-Idaho, is an Arizona educator with over 25 years of history with Mesa Public Schools. She started work with the BYU-Idaho student teaching program

after retiring from an administrator position at Dobson High School.

“Currently, the trend in education is that a teacher new to teaching stays in the classroom 3, maybe 4 years and then changes careers,” says Sister Cottle. “My goal is to give student teachers a bigger vision of what being a teacher means.”

As a final requirement for their education degree, students apply for placement in the student teaching program.

The application process is highly time-sensitive, focused on serving the needs of the student as well as the partner schools. Placement introduces students to the hiring process. Students submit resumés, cover letter material and letters of recommendation, and placement schools interview applicants before selecting those students they want on their sites. Placements are a powerful tool for partner districts, as around 40% of student teachers who are placed in

Arizona get contracts and stay after graduation.

Several of these new educators find placements within the program’s partner districts. Angela Helm, recently hired into the Mesa district over the orchestra program at Westwood High School, trained at Mesa High during her 14 weeks as a student teacher in 2013. When asked why she chose to return to Arizona after teaching in other states, she says, “It’s

the high concentration of YSA and strong Mormon community. I was looking for that. But the most important thing was the available temples.”

With current trends in education, new teachers face challenges unique to the industry. Talented instructors need support from their communities and veteran teachers to make it through. Mesa and Gilbert districts have the unique opportunity to support fresh talent in Arizona’s pool of professional educators through the BYU-Idaho Student Teaching program.

For additional information visit: <http://www.byui.edu/field-services/student-teaching>



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Student teachers sign up to teach in elementary, junior high and high school level partner sites where they learn from experienced educators with close support from mentors and supervisors.



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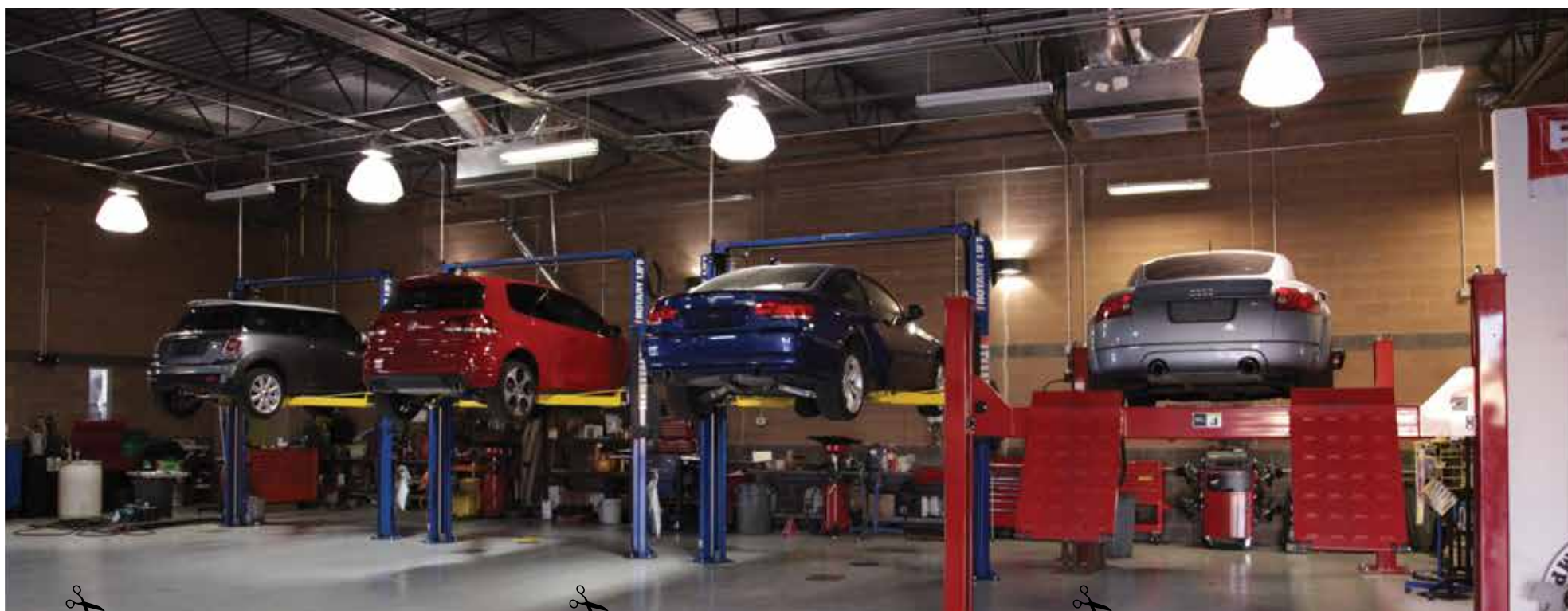
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RUSTIC NUPTIALS

The Elegant Barn Takes the Worry Out of Weddings

By Emily Jex Boyle

Although Dennis and Stella Elliott, owners of the Elegant Barn, joke that the barn itself blew in from Kansas, it fits right in with the countryfied surroundings that it snuggles into at the north end of Gilbert. Its cozy farmhouse atmosphere, along with its accessible location on Greenfield Road just off the US-60, makes it a unique and convenient option for a rustic event right in the middle of town.

The Elegant Barn truly is a family business with Dennis and Stella's daughter, Christiana Hammond, overseeing the day-to-day tasks that keep the facility in shape and events running smoothly. Her previous work experience includes planning and scheduling for a military testing range. Both professions demand a similar attention to minute detail, but she confesses, "This is a lot more fun." Her efforts, in conjunction with the detail-oriented customer service and close vendor relationships managed by their Lead Event Coordinator, Andrea Micetic, are the recipe for the seamless and worry-free events that they pride themselves in creating.

The Elliotts are committed to delivering an easy experience to all their clients, allowing them to fully enjoy their big day. The Elegant Barn offers more than just a beautiful event space—it also offers places for families to relax and connect before and during the event. Along with separate

dressing rooms with full bathrooms for the bride and groom, the farmhouse at the Elegant Barn offers a family sitting area, dining area and plating kitchen for making even more memories around the day's festivities.

The Elegant Barn offers indoor space as well as a lush garden for special events, accommodating 200 guests in sit-down fashion or up to 300 guests for a come and go celebration. The property offers great natural photo backdrops, as Christiana explains, "in every nook and cranny" of the grounds. The venue has flexible packages to fit all kinds of needs and budgets. The Rustic package includes a DJ, decorations, florals, dinner with appetizers, and cake. All-Inclusive packages include all of that, as well as an expanded menu, expanded décor selection, china place settings with glassware, and games such as corn hole and yard-size versions of Connect Four and Jenga.

Over the years, the property has been home to a variety of endeavors, such as a sign and banner business and a once popular boutique. The curious tale of the birth of the barn itself re-

volves around a set of tall utility poles given to the family who owned the property in the 1980s. That gift of giant scrap wood would be used in the best way possible: "The family built a barn

around them." The rest is history.

Find the Elegant Barn at 1221 N. Greenfield Road in Gilbert, or www.elegantbarn.com or call (480)813-2007.



Photo courtesy of the Elegant Barn

The Elegant Barn's lush garden provides a beautiful backdrop for weddings and other events.



Photo courtesy of the Elegant Barn

The Elliotts are committed to deliver a worry-free experience to all their clients, allowing them to fully enjoy their big day. Photo courtesy of the Elegant Barn.



Norman THE Mormon

Have you seen Norman Mouse, his Mama and Papa and little sister, Emily? They are a typical LDS family facing typical family issues. Norman is a featured guest in The Arizona Beehive. We hope you will grow to love

Norman as we have.

In this issue we have Norman hidden in the pages for you and your children to find. Norman may be hiding behind an article or advertisement, or peaking around a picture! If you find Norman, private message us on Face-

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him, his books, and his family easily at NormanTheMormon.com. There you can also learn about the amazing creators of Norman, Danette Smith and her lovely daughter Brittany Smith. His adventures will soon be available to read in Spanish, too!

Well Suited

The “Mr. Mac Experience” Comes to Arizona

By Cecily Markland Condie

Over the past 50 years, Mr. Mac has set itself apart as Utah’s go-to source and the name synonymous with high value and high quality in men’s suits, sports coats and accessories.

Now, with the opening of a Mr. Mac location in Gilbert this past December, Arizonans can enjoy what is known as the “Mr. Mac Experience.”

“We felt the time was right to come to Arizona,” says Gilbert store manager, Chris Brooks.

The recently opened Gilbert store is Mr. Mac’s 10th location, the first outside of Utah. Brooks, who worked for 11 years at the Mr. Mac in Orem, says the Gilbert site was selected as it is somewhat of a “centralized location” in the Phoenix metro area.

Gilbert, and the entire Phoenix metro area, he says, is a “unique market,” with the type of customers they are used to and who “we are uniquely able to help,” with the reasonable prices and exceptional service Mr. Mac is known for, says Brooks.

“Forty to 45 percent of what we do is outfitting LDS missionaries,” he says, citing the store’s range of options in menswear.

The company carries suits from size 8 to 60+ in thousands of colors and varieties and styles, including slim-fit and classic-fit styles.

On their website (MrMac.com), they call themselves the “two-pant headquarters,” as several styles are two-pant suits, a popular option that extends the life of a suit since pants often wear out long before the jacket.

While Mr. Mac offers higher-end, \$800 to \$900 brand name suits, including Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein, they also have a wide selection of their own label suits and other less expensive top-quality options.

“We cater to every price point and every person,” Brooks says.

In addition to a large inventory of suits, Mr. Mac also carries slacks, shirts, ties, socks, shoes and bags. The store also offers a full line of white clothing.



Photo courtesy of Chris Brooks

Mr. Mac, known across Utah for its top-quality men’s clothing and reasonable prices, continues to build its reputation at its recently opened store in Gilbert.

Brooks says, along with quality clothing, that “quality customer service is the #1 thing you will find at Mr. Mac.”

He says experienced sales staff help customers navigate the buying experience and find the right suit for them.

A service for anyone who wonders how to shop for a suit, Mr. Mac staff members “walk through and help customers understand everything about price, quality, and the various styles available,” Brooks says. “People really like the help they get when they come here,” he adds.

Customers also like the fact that Mr. Mac offers free alterations and tailor-

ing—for life. This means the initial tailoring is free, and, in the future, if for whatever reason the suit needs to be altered, Mr. Mac again provides this service free.

“We are happy with the decision to be here in Gilbert,” Brooks says. “We are thriving because of the referrals we get as people come, are happy with the experience, and then tell their family and friends about us.”

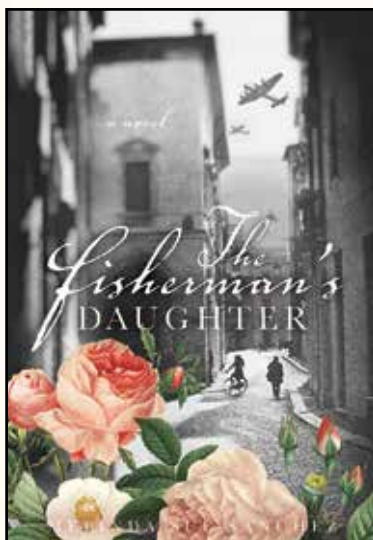
The new Mr. Mac store is located at 929 North Val Vista Drive, Suite 117B. The store is open from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. Monday through Friday, and until 6:00 P.M. on Saturdays.

INSPIRED BY HER MISSION IN ITALY, GILBERT AUTHOR PUBLISHES HER FIRST BOOK

By Cindy R. Williams

Gilbert author Melinda Sue Sanchez served a mission in Italy for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Years later, her love for the people and the country served as inspiration for her first published book, *The Fisherman’s Daughter*.

Sanchez recalls, “I talked with the people of Italy when I lived there, the ones who had the war and its atrocities right on their doorsteps and in their homes. I heard stories from men and women about what they had suffered and what extraordinary things



The Fisherman’s Daughter book cover.

they had done to fight for their loved ones and country.”

“Husbands and wives thinking each other was dead for months at a time, women working with the resistance in secret, and the joy they felt when Mussolini was overthrown and the Allies arrived in Italy—I was awestruck and it changed my heart permanently,” says Sanchez.

The Fisherman’s Daughter is a historical romance novel set on the picturesque coast of Sicily. Marianna De’Angelis has grown up in the country side riding horses, baking with her mother and sometimes helping her

father with his fishing business. Two life-changing events transform her world: she meets an extremely handsome Italian soldier named Massimo Scalone, and the Nazis overtake her country.

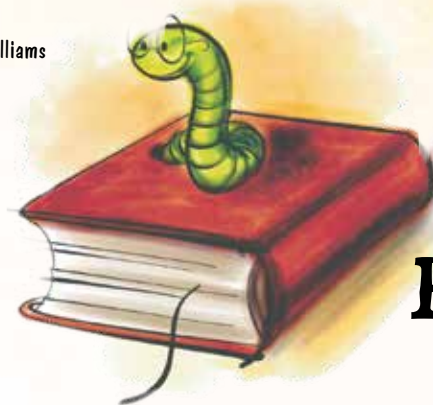
The opening sentence of the book illustrates Sanchez’s descriptive way with the written word: “The steady slap, slap, slap of my skirt against my shins gave a rhythm to my steps as dust landed like sifted powder on the tips of my leather shoes.”

Sanchez says, “My favorite quote from the book is when Marianna says,

‘There is more than one way to die in a war,’ when she has fought with all of her soul to hold on but realizes that she may lose Massimo forever, and to her that feels like death. I

believe that it’s true in many instances in a war. The losses there are not just through physical death, but can be the loss of hope, heart, love—and for those who choose to do evil, your soul can even die.”

The Fisherman’s Daughter is published by Covenant and is available at Deseret Book.



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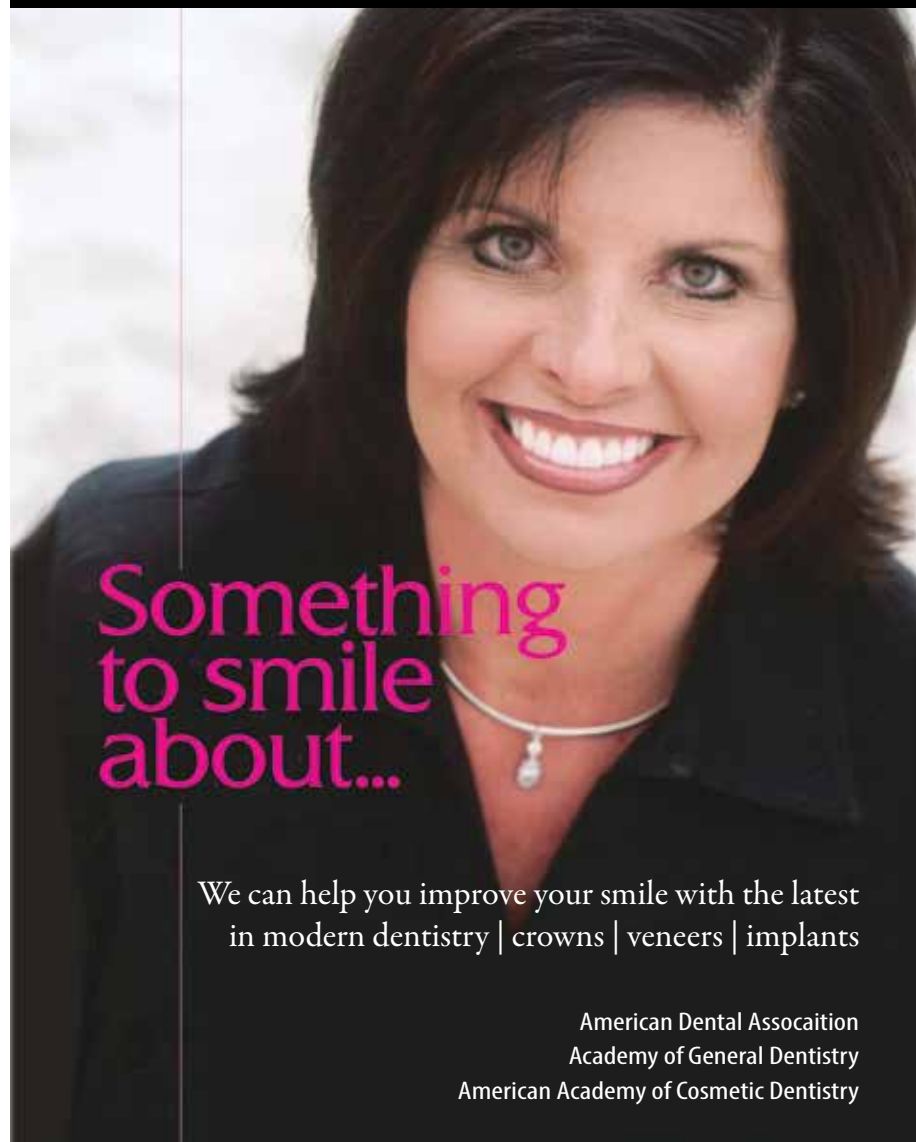
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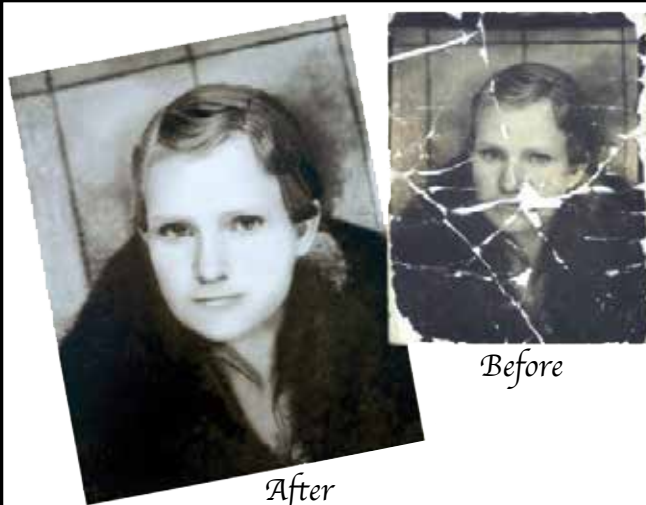


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PREP YOUR MISSIONARY

Missionary Interview Questions:

A Guide For Preparation

By Allison Beckert

In October of last year, the Church announced changes to the missionary program. Managing Director Gary Crittenden and General Authority Seventy Elder Brent H. Nielson shared several announcements, including the introduction of a new set of eligibility and worthiness interview questions for prospective missionaries.

The Church re-released these questions in the August edition of the *New Era* in an easy-to-review format for families to use when preparing their children for mission worthiness, eligibility and capacity considerations. The interview questions cover several topics of concern for prospective missionaries and are essential to determine how each prospective missionary can best serve in the Army of the Lord.

Just as the previous interview questions did, they cover questions of worthiness and testimony. They are firm and direct, requiring a prospective missionary to be honest with themselves and God. The questions are focused on encouraging the disclosure of all serious transgressions, including addictions, and ensuring the repentance process is completed before God, and the law if necessary, prior to missionaries reporting to serve in the field.

Undisclosed transgressions or serious sins not repaired through appropriate channels of authority are harmful not only to the Church, but especially to

the individual preaching a Gospel of repentance they have not themselves obeyed fully.

The next area of discussion addressed in the interview, which should be honestly discussed during preparation, is a prospective missionary's capacity and eligibility to serve. The questions in this section touch on any ongoing or undisclosed legal and financial obligations, and how these will be dealt with during Church service.

The largest expansion of the interview questions involves the physical, mental, and emotional capacity of the candidate. The aggressive demands of full-time missionary service have been shown to be more than many can bear, and in many cases the private trials of struggling missionaries may have been relieved with candid questions and more thorough evaluations of the candidate's mental and physical health before assignment.

In the Mormon Newsroom's October release regarding these new interview questions, special note was made that health challenges are the most common reason missionaries return home early from the field. These include mental and physical conditions, both of which are addressed in the capacity and eligibility section of the interview questions.

For any family looking to prepare their youth for mission service, start early. Review these candid

Mission papers sent off? Great! Now what? There are plenty of things you can do to prepare spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially while waiting for that all-important call packet. Check in with us for tips, tricks, and useful resources for preparing missionaries and their families.

questions and standards on LDS.org on the *New Era* page, or on the ArizonaBeehive.com website positing of this article. Remember that missionary service is wide and varied with opportunities for everyone willing to serve. Accommodations exist for those willing to work toward eligibility, capacity and worthiness goals with the help of their leadership and family.



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Michael Crandall, MD, earned his graduate degree from Brigham Young University and Doctor of Medicine from St. Louis University School of Medicine. He served his country as a flight surgeon for the United States Navy acting as a primary care doctor and was deployed to Afghanistan for seven months. Later Dr. Crandall completed his dermatology residency at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego and then practiced dermatology at the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, NC.

When he is not at home with his wife and four children reading, playing tennis and shooting hoops, Dr. Crandall is focused on general dermatology with an emphasis on surgery, cosmetics and scars.

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Pianos With Stories

By Robin Finlinson

Tempe Couple's Home Exhibits Their Remarkable Careers In Music

Seeing a piano in an LDS home isn't extraordinary. But seeing 12, of multiple sizes and centuries, says there's a story to be told.

Eckart Sellheim was an Arizona State University music professor and head of collaborative piano for nearly two decades. His recordings with various ensembles are often heard on KBAQ, 89.5 FM.

Dian Baker (Sellheim) accompanied the Phoenix Boys Choir for

culture of Eckart's native Germany and Dian's Japanese mother.

The Sellheims love history. They tell of how God has spoken to His children during all generations through inspired music and art. They tell of prolific Austrian composer Franz Schubert's popular new form of music—songs for one voice and piano—being performed at concert parties in Viennese homes. The Sellheims likewise enjoy sharing Schubert's and other composers' works



Photo by Robin Finlinson

Left to right: Six-pedaled 1810 fortepiano replica; spinettino replica of the early 1500s (on stand); and original 1836 "Jane Austen" square piano by Broadwood & Son.

with friends at concerts in the intimate setting of their own home.

"We have the complete four-hand [Schubert] works there," Eckart says, pointing to their massive collection of written music. The Sellheims prefer playing these pieces on their Viennese fortepianos. One was built in 1835 by Joseph Schrimpf; the other is a replica of an instrument built in 1810. With 81 keys, rather than the 88 of the Sellheims' 1990 Steinway, these are fortepi-

anos for which music of the Romantic era was written.

"The problem with modern instruments," Eckart explains, "is that the bass register is overwhelming." The antique keyboards offer greater balance among upper, middle and lower keys.

The Sellheims perform works of numerous composers on period instruments. Their 1798 fortepiano built by

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The Sellheims, sitting at their American-made harpsichord. Other instruments are labeled from left to right. 1990 Steinway and three fortepianos: Mozart-era (mid-1700s) replica; 1798 Broadwood & Son original; and 1835 Joseph Schrimpf original.

12 years and was an adjunct music professor at Mesa Community College. She played at the BYU Jerusalem Center twice by invitation of Truman G. Madsen. There, Palestinians and Jews are separated in either Arabic- or Hebrew-speaking classes. However, Dian says, "Through music which transcends political differences, people in the audience can share a common language."

The Sellheims' story together begins in 1998. Eckart was performing at the Grand Teton Music Festival in Wyoming when he wondered, "Who is that beautiful woman sitting in the front row?" After the concert, they discovered they had several things in common. Most strikingly, each had toured the world as pianists for a cellist. Eckart's brother and Dian's first husband were those cellists. Both had passed away recently.

Dian and Eckart married that same year and are now known for duetting with incredible skill in the States and abroad. Their eclectic, art-filled home in the Tempe Stake showcases the



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Vive la Pants!

French Fashion Is Storming America's Shores

By Anne Healey

If you've noticed a shift in fashion towards a more minimalistic, feminine, understated kind of chic, you're not imagining things. Recently, the French way of doing

things has been trickling "across the pond" and American women are eating it up, one high-waisted pair of jeans at a time.

The French have always been staples of fashion. Marie Antoinette started a penchant for pastels. Coco Chanel created the "little black dress" and Brigitte Bardot's famous mane led to a fury of back-combing, as women everywhere hoped to achieve the actress's signature tousled look. Today, France's newest "It" girl, Jeanne Damas, founder of Rouje clothing company, is setting the standard for how every woman - French or otherwise - dresses.

And the change couldn't come at a better time. For the past few years, American fashion has been floundering in an odd mashup of athleisure day wear and ostentatious high lux "club" attire. Luckily, cold-shoulder blouses, bandage dresses, and jeggings are giving way to a more relaxed, breathable, sophisticated look. Romantic, mid-length floral dresses, loose-fitting men's button downs, and wide-leg cropped pants are now swarming mainstream big box stores like Target, Old Navy and Nordstrom's. And if you haven't tried any of these looks yet, it's only a matter of time.

What's the look exactly? It's clean lines, simplicity, and a nod to vintage 70s "au naturel" greatness. Earthy espadrilles, whimsical basket bags, plain white t-shirts, hair tied up in soft scarves, and lived-in, relax-fit boyfriend jeans, or a simple, no-nonsense block heel. The French are about comfort without sacrificing style. Most of all, you'll never catch them trying too hard. They keep their pieces minimal, with few frills, and follow Chanel's adage of "surveying yourself in the mirror and always removing one item or accessory before walking out the door." They don't fuss with highlighting and contouring. They skip the straightener and allow their hair to air dry and embrace its natural wave. Most French women go bare-skinned with nothing but a bold red lip or a winged cat eye (never both) for makeup. The resulting effect is a big sister coolness that's achingly stylish.

Best of all is the accessibility. The key items can easily be thrifted, and the outfits are simple enough to try for even the most fashion-timid of souls. So the next time you're heading out on the town, or just meeting someone for lunch, channel some Parisian and don't be surprised if you get a few "Ooh la las!" from your friends!



Photo by Anne Healey

French fashion staples such as high-waisted denim, a simple top, and a scarf tied in the hair, are being spotted more and more in the US.



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Charlotte Alvey models Espadrille wedges, a basket bag, and red lips--common accessories found on Parisian streets.



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the famous London firm Broadwood & Son, with its 68 keys, is the appropriate instrument for the early and middle periods of Beethoven's piano works.

"The 'Jane Austen' piano was the most popular instrument of the Regency period, particularly in England," Dian says of their recently-refurbished 1836 square piano.

Their collection also includes a harpsichord, clavichord, three harmoniums, and a mid-1700s fortepiano replica. Their 49-key spinettino is a copy of a plucked keyboard instrument built in the early 1500s.

The Sellheims teach at Arizona Piano Institute's annual summer seminar, and Dian gives private lessons. To contact them regarding concerts or lessons, send an email to: eckart.sellheim@asu.edu.



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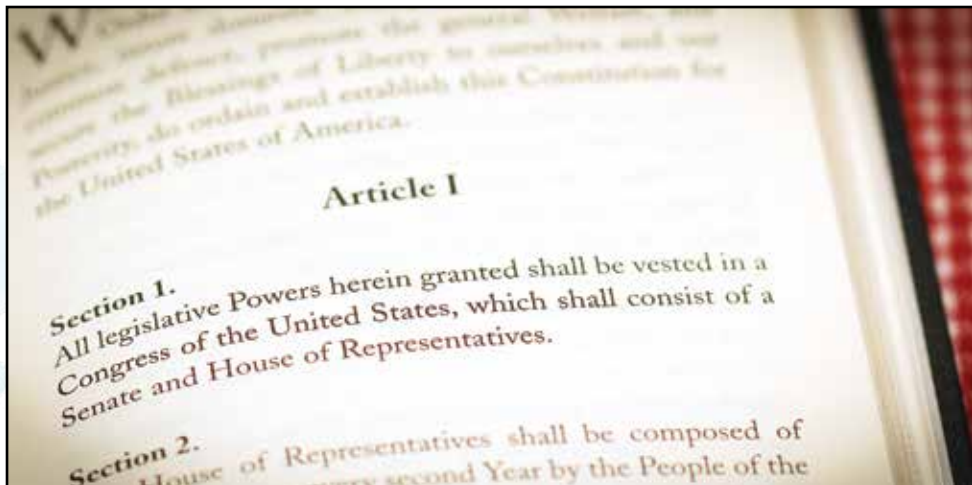


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The U.S. does not have a king, but rather elected lawmakers from every section of the country who represent the hopes of the people they serve.

Latter-day Prophets and The Holy Scriptures Speak Of THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Family Home Evening can be a time to discover what prophets, scriptures and the Founding Fathers say about the Constitution of the United States of America, and the concepts of freedom and peace.

Joseph Smith: “The Constitution of the United States is a glorious standard—it is founded in the wisdom of God—it is a heavenly banner.”

Elder N. Eldon Tanner (1976): “Only as we accept and live the teachings of the gospel can the destiny which God planned for America be realized and the world united in peace and brotherhood.”

2 Corinthians 3:17: “... and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

Doctrine and Covenants 101:80: “And for this purpose have I [the Lord] established the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose...”

Benjamin Franklin: “Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.

As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”

President Ezra Taft Benson (1986): “Freedom as we know it has been experienced by perhaps less than 1 percent of the human family.”

President Benson (1987): “[W]e must learn the principles of the Constitution in the tradition of the Founding Fathers. Have we read *The Federalist* papers? Are we reading the Constitution and pondering it? Are we aware of its principles? Are we abiding by these principles and teaching them to others? Could we defend the Constitution? Can we recognize when a law is constitutionally unsound? Do we know what the prophets have said about the Constitution and the threats to it?”

James Madison: “A well-instructed people alone can be permanently a free people.”

Thomas Jefferson: “Say... whether peace is best preserved by giving energy to the government, or information to the people.”

Suggestions:

- Read the Constitution with your family. Parents and capable children could look ahead at each paragraph and ask questions prior to reading them together. Then, delve in to find the answers. For example, “What does the Constitution say about granting titles of nobility?”
- Assign a family member to look up terms such as “ex post facto,” or race to find definitions first.
- Read the document on the Sabbath. Discuss it the next evening with another family that has likewise prepared.
- As you study **The Book of Mormon**, make note of the many verses about these concepts. Examples: **Alma 62: 37-42; Helaman 5:2-3.**
- See entire conference talks on this topic at lds.org.

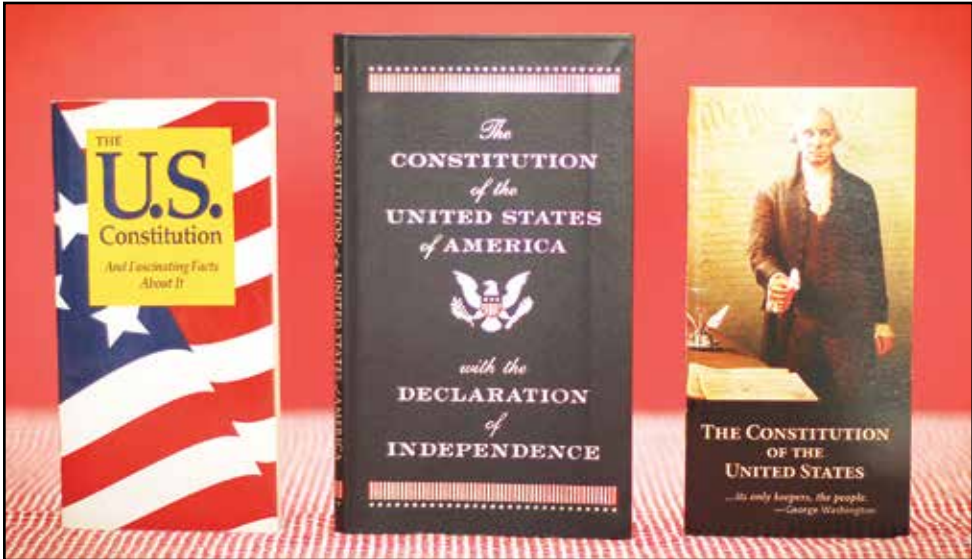


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“I Found One!”

Ward Members “Find A Grave” for their Ancestors

By Alyson Johnson

“I found one!” was heard repeatedly at the Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetery in Chandler on an evening last summer as youth and adults from the Grove 3rd Ward, Chandler South Stake, looked for grave markers and headstones for people buried on the premises.

The purpose of the activity was to help relatives of the deceased connect to their ancestors by providing photos of their headstones or markers online through the website FindAGrave.com.

“Being able to view actual photographs of the headstones of your ancestors may seem like a strange concept, but it is actually a really impactful experience,” says the ward Young Women’s president, Becky Fillerup.

“As I have looked through the photos on the Find A Grave site and utilized other genealogical sites such as FamilySearch and Ancestry, my ancestors have become more than just names on

a page—they have become real to me.”

FindAGrave.com is the world’s largest gravesite collection, boasting over 170 million online memorials in 481,021 cemeteries in 240 different countries. Anyone can create a memorial for their loved ones and add photos and other information to it. With so many memorials already online, a quick check to see if a memorial has already been created for an ancestor is a good idea. However, many memorials don’t have a photo of the headstone, and that’s where this community service project fills a need.

“By doing Find A Grave, we can give the opportunity to others to know more about their ancestors,” says Basha High School senior Sydney Fuller. “As people learn more about their ancestors they can connect with them emotionally.”

7,751 online memorials have been created for the deceased at Valley of

the Sun, with over 800 of those needing marker photos.

“The picture makes it [a connection to ancestors] real,” says Fuller, “because not everyone can go to the places loved ones are buried and take pictures in person and be connected to them.” Seeing the headstone in a photo is the next best thing to visiting in person. It’s a bonus when there is additional information, like an obituary, in the online memorial.

Thirty ward members scoured one section of the cemetery looking for those people whose memorials were missing a headstone photo. If ward members found one, they used the Find A Grave app to take and upload the photo directly to the already existing online memorial. That evening, photos were added to the memorials for 33 people.

The group plans to go back as many times as it takes to walk the whole cemetery and photograph the headstones for all the memorials that need them. Ward members are also going as families to help complete the project.

“Family history is really a community effort of people helping each other,” says Fillerup. “Our efforts to photograph headstones and markers was one way that we could help



Photo by Ilene Hunt

Findagrave 2 - Logan Fuller takes a photo while Aiden Stubbs marks the memorial complete.

someone else. It’s all about connecting families together and helping others do the same.”

To learn more, visit FindAGrave.com online.

Former-Day saints

Are You a Descendent of the Mayflower ‘Saints’?

By Valerie Ipson

In 1620, Puritan Separatists desiring to break away from the Church of England embarked on a journey aboard a ship called the Mayflower. According to passenger lists, about one-third of them identified with the religious group’s reason for creating a new society while others were hired hands, indentured servants, or farmers drafted by London merchants who were financing the trip.

102 passengers braved the ocean voyage, along with approximately 30 crew members. Five died at sea, but nearly half perished that first bitter winter.

They called themselves ‘Saints,’ but today we refer to these colonists as Pilgrims. Whatever their purpose in coming, we revere them as brave and adventurous as they settled a new land. Today, it is estimated that up to tens of millions of Americans have at least one ancestor among this group.

Mayflower societies are organized in all 50 states and the District of Columbia with the primary mission of teaching the early history of the United States and the Pilgrims’ role in it. One of these societies is the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Their website explains their group as “a hereditary organization of individuals who have documented their descent from one or more of the 102 pas-



2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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sengers who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620 at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts.”

The group was established in 1897 to honor Pilgrim ancestors by telling their story. Membership requires proof of lineage from one of the Mayflower passengers.

Organizations, researchers, and online genealogical resources can help individuals search out their Mayflower heritage. MayflowerHistory.com is a site created by Caleb Johnson detailing passenger lists, biographies, and helps for research. A source archive contains original documents.

Other resources include the Leiden archives (Holland) Access2Archives (National Archives, London), New England Historic and Genealogical Society, Massachusetts Historical Society, Massachusetts Vital Records, Connecticut Vital Records Online, FamilySearch.com and Ancestry.com.

The following 31 Mayflower colonists are known to have descendants:

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The Passenger List with clickable links to personal information can be found at <http://mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-passenger-list>
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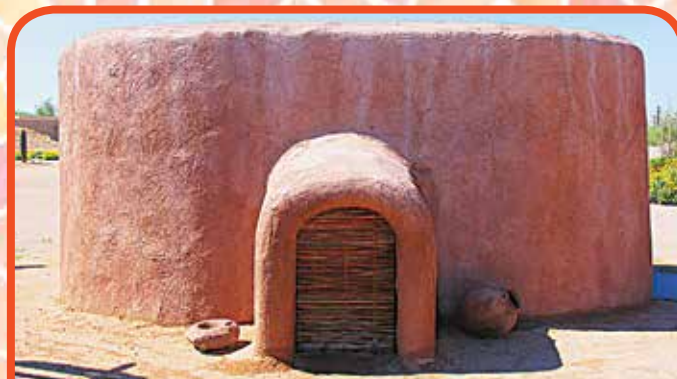
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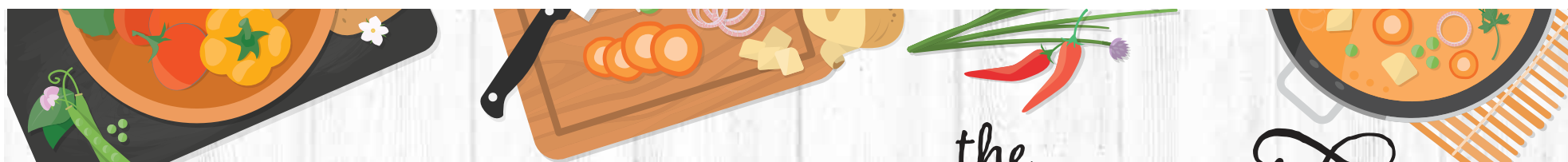
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COOKING WITH the BEEHIVE

That Chocolate Craving

By Rachael Fuller

As a diabetic, I struggle often to contain my sweet tooth. There are just too many delicious things to eat. But in deference to my doctor and my future health, I try to be good and find recipes that will satisfy my sugar cravings without destroying my sugar levels, and this recipe does that with the bonus of being gluten free for those who have gluten sensitivities.



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The perfect flourless chocolate cake.



Photo By Rachael Fuller

Semi-sweet morsels Photo by Guittard chocolate chips.

Flourless Chocolate Cake

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Ingredients - Cake

- 1 cup semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs at room temperature
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

Ingredients - Glaze

- 1 cup semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Directions - Cake

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Lightly grease a metal 8" round cake pan; cut a piece of parchment to fit, grease it, and lay it in the bottom of the pan.
2. Put the chocolate and butter in a microwave-safe bowl, and heat until the butter is melted, and the chips are soft. Stir until the chips melt, reheating briefly if necessary.
3. Transfer the melted chocolate/butter to a mixing bowl.
4. Stir in the sugar, salt, and vanilla.
5. Add the eggs, beating briefly until smooth. Add the cocoa powder and mix just to combine.
6. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan.
7. Bake the cake for 25 minutes. It should register at least 200°F on an instant-read thermometer inserted into its center.
8. Remove it from the oven and cool it in the pan for 5 minutes.
9. Loosen the edges of the pan with a table knife and turn it out onto a serving plate.
10. Allow the cake to cool completely before glazing.

Directions - Glaze

1. Combine the chocolate and cream in a microwave-safe bowl, and heat until the cream is very hot, but not simmering. Remove from the microwave and stir until the chocolate melts and the mixture is completely smooth.
2. Spoon the glaze over the cake, spreading it to drip over the sides a bit. Allow the glaze to set for several hours before serving the cake.

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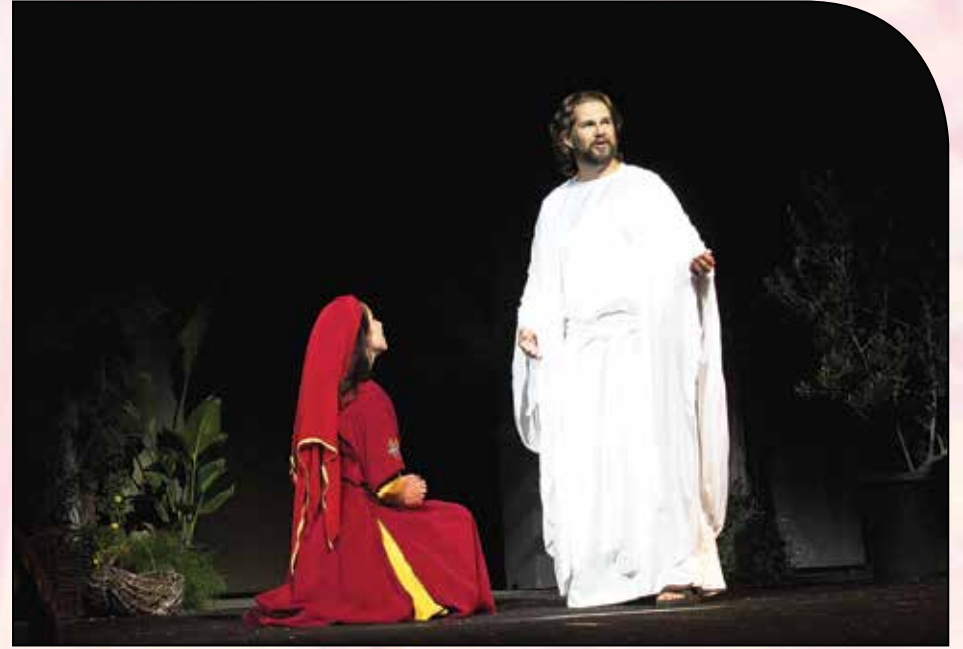
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Authors Seek Information ~~FOR~~ Mesa Easter Pageant Book



Authors Cecily Markham Condie and Jill Adair.

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Scene from a recent Easter Pageant.

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By Cecily Markham Condie

The story of the Mesa Easter Pageant spans 80 years and is one of service and sacrifice as the time and talents of thousands of people have come together to present the life and miracles of Jesus Christ in drama, music and dance. Over the course of those years, it has touched hundreds of thousands of lives, inspired testimonies and has been a powerful force

for good for the entire community.

Now, during the two-year hiatus of the pageant, while the Mesa Temple is being remodeled, two local journalists and past Mesa Easter Pageant publicity directors, Jill Adair and Cecily Markland Condie, are putting together a book that will chronicle the “story behind the Easter pageant.”

“We felt the time was right to document its 80-year history and to share

some of the inspiring experiences behind this magnificent production,” says Adair. “It seems ideal to write this book and have it out when the Temple reopens.”

Condie adds: “We have found a great deal of information through our research and interviews of people who have been involved in the direction and production of the pageant over the years, but we are wanting people to contact us with any historical informa-

tion, including photos (particularly from pre-1970s), remarkable stories and faith-promoting experiences they have had with the pageant. We know there is a lot, but we will try to include as much as we can.”

To learn more about the project, visit their Facebook page at Mesa Easter Pageant: The Story and contact them there or email MesaEaster-PageantBook@gmail.com.

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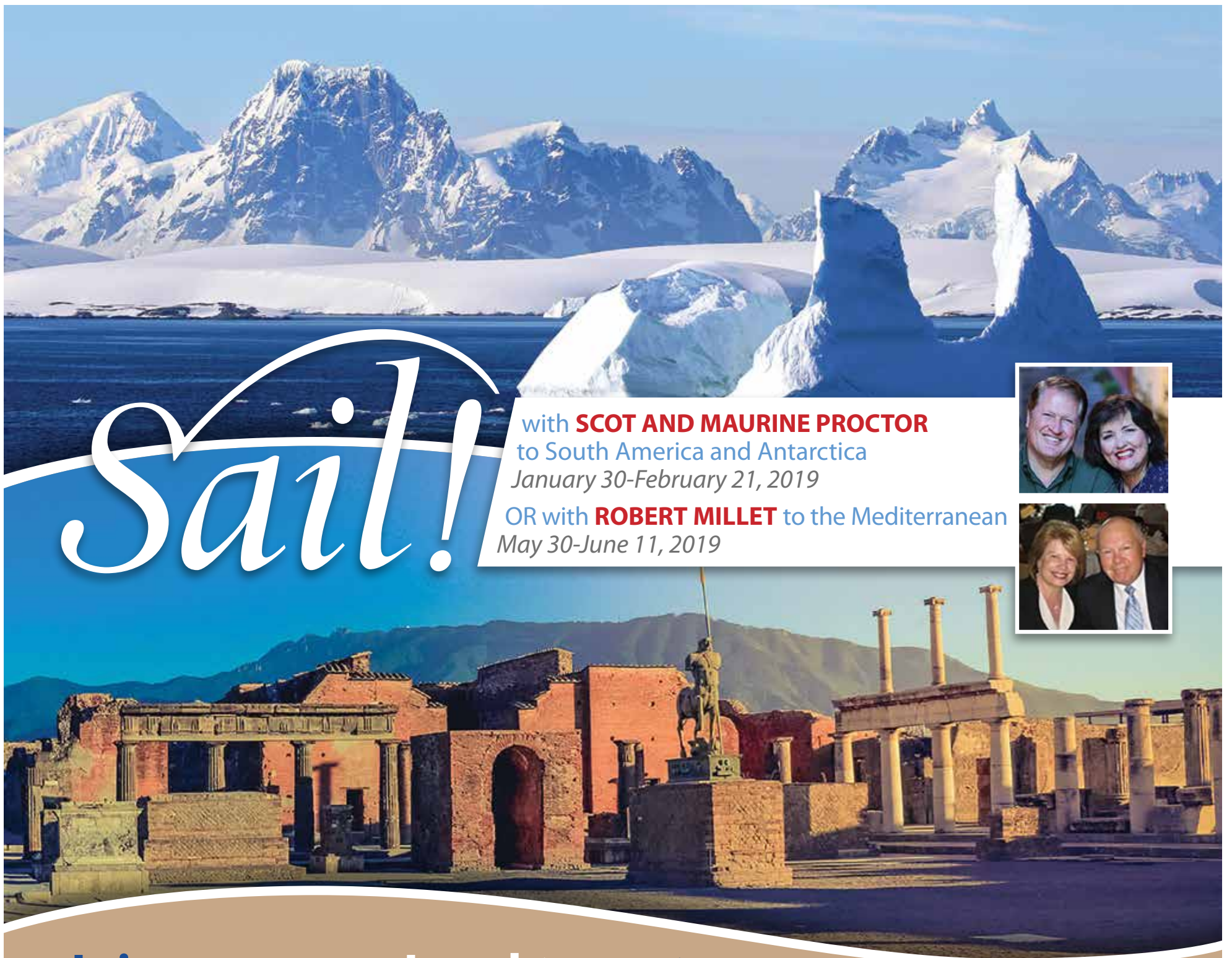
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A Maverick Meets a Missionary

Senator John McCain's Visit to the Mesa Temple Visitors' Center

By The Arizona Beehive

The recent death of Arizona State Senator John McCain invoked a wide range of emotional responses from those that knew, and knew of him. Upon his passing, Mesa immigration law attorney Yasser Sanchez reached out to The Arizona Beehive to reflect upon a recent and profound experience he shared with Senator McCain. With his blessing, we share this with you:

"In May of 2016, Ana Pereira of the McCain campaign asked me about a good activity to do as a break from campaigning around downtown Mesa. I suggested that we head over to the Mesa Temple Visitors' Center and take the Senator on a tour. I called Visitors' Center Director Elder Ashton and set up a tour for the senator and my family.

"Senator McCain found the visitors center to be peaceful, and all the Sisters and Elders to be both kind and impressive. One of the things he enjoyed most was the display of Books of Mormon in every language. He smiled and said, 'I have a couple of those!'

"He posed for pictures with all the missionaries serving there as well as with our family. He spoke very highly of our faith. He appreciated the hard-working community to which we belong, and the good that our members do around the world. He also respected our strong family values.

"It is a memory that our family will cherish. Out of that tour I created a close bond and friendship with Senator McCain."

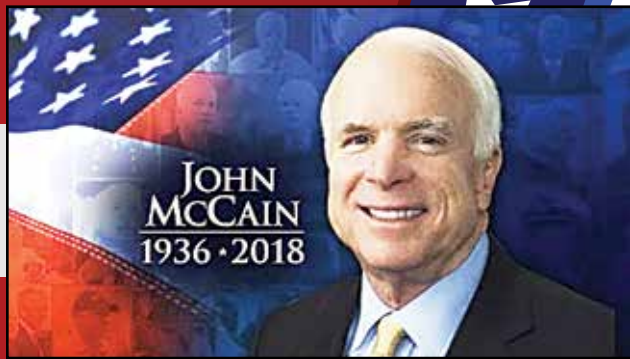


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Senator McCain with the Sanchez Family.



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Local Missionaries, Brother Sanchez present John McCain with a picture of The Mesa Arizona Temple.



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Senator McCain Visiting the Visitors' Center.



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Sister Missionaries explain Visitors' Center displays to Senator McCain.

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Giving Back

By Merry Gordon

An Interesting Ride

Ames Family Pedals to Raise Funds for Parkinson's Disease Foundation

For Carl Ames of the Centennial Ward, Peoria Arizona Stake, life has been an interesting ride.

After a 2008 Parkinson's diagnosis, Ames took up cycling. A decade later, riding is a family affair for the Ames clan—and they're riding for a cause.

On August 4, 2018, Ames was joined by daughter Jacie, son Jordan, and Jordan's wife, Marin, on the 79-mile Copper Triangle in Colorado, a ride which raises money for the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's. The Ames family were just a few of the roughly 3000 people who participated in the course. The challenging mountain pass loop, which begins and ends at the Copper Mountain Ski Resort, boasts beautiful scenery and an elevation gain of 6500 feet.

"With every uphill there is a downhill, which brings with it a thrilling experience," says Ames. "I was so happy to be there with my family and to see those that rode accomplish something challenging and fun, and to see the rest of them greeting us at the top of the last pass, and again at the finish line."

Leisa, his wife, was among those family members there to greet him. The road leading from the initial Parkinson's diagnosis was "scary," she admits. "We didn't really know how to respond." Now, with help from Davis Phinney educational workshops and events (partially funded through events like the Copper Triangle), she knows "a little more what to expect" about the disease, which has manifested in rigidity and tightness, pain, slow and halted movement, and dexterity challenges to her husband.

"With a good sense of humor, we are learning our roles and know better how to respond. The kids have come to realize that Dad is still Dad."

One of the biggest ways in which the family supports each other is through events like the Copper Triangle. 2018 marks their 4th ride; the Ames family also participates in the Baehr Challenge 5K fun run/obstacle course, which supports the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Ames has also done El Tour de Tucson "two or three times," as well as various rides to raise money for multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. One standout organiza-

tion the Ames family enjoys supporting is POPS (Pedaling Over Parkinson's), which gave Ames the opportunity to ride from Vancouver to San Diego.

While getting on his bike can present a physical challenge and require additional time and effort, Ames finds comfort in a familiar flow: "Once I get my feet on the pedals and get 'connected' to the bike, I seem to have the ability to move more with ease as if I have been given a respite for a period of time."

Ultimately, cycling connects Ames not only to a healthier, more active life, but to greater purpose and community.

"I don't wish Parkinson's on anyone," Ames says, "but I wish everyone could have the opportunity to experience the things that I have experienced with Parkinson's. I am so grateful that I have faith in a loving Father in Heaven and Jesus Christ. My understanding of the plan of salvation and the fact that we will have challenges in various ways to deal with help me endure."

Learn more at <http://www.baehr-challenge.org/> or <https://www.davi-sphinneyfoundation.org/>



Photo courtesy of Ames family

Carl and Liesa Ames (center) celebrate with their family after the Copper Triangle. Ames was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2008 and has been cycling ever since.

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